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SUBJECT: ANNIVERSARY OF CHOU'S PASSING: PRELIMINARY VERDICT ON WU
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1. SITUATION REPORT AT 0830 JANUARY 14 LOCAL.

2. "CAPITAL WORKER(S)," THE MOST PROLIFIC AND AUTHORITATIVE
CONTRIBUTOR OF WALLPOSTERS, PASTED UP A 24-PAGE OPUS ON THE
WOODEN FENCE AT TIENANMEN DURING LATE JANUARY 13.
ENTITLED "THE TIENANMEN MASS MOVEMENT," THE POSTER IS DEVOTED
IN LARGE PART TO THE REHASHING OF THE EVENTS AT TIENANMEN
SQUARE LAST APRIL. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE POSTERS SIGNED
BY "CAPITAL WORKER(S)" THERE IS NO MENTION WHATSOEVER
OF TENG HSIAO-PING. BUT THERE IS A PRELIMINARY VERDICT ON
WU TEH, TIGHTLY-REASONED, WHICH EXONERATES HIM OF TIES TO
THE GANG OF FOUR BUT CRITICIZES HIS ACTIONS DURING THE
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APRIL TIENANMEN INCIDENT.

3. THE POSTER ASSERTS THAT WU TEH'S SPEECH AT TIENANMEN WAS
"NOT TOTALLY CONSISTENT" WITH MARXISM-LENINISM; IT CONTAINED
A "FEW LIES" BUT THESE WERE "NECESSARY AT THE TIME" IN ORDER
TO AVOID A SERIOUS SPLIT AT THE PARTY CENTER. WU'S RECORD
DEMONSTRATED THAT HE HAD "ALWAYS" OPPOSED THE GANG OF FOUR,

BUT ADDED AN EQUIVOCAL OBSERVATION: "PERHAPS HE SHOULD STUDY MARXISM-LENINISM MORE."

4. THE POSTER ALSO RENDERS A VERDICT OF SORTS ON THE TIENANMEN INCIDENT AND THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES AT TIENANMEN. REGARDING THE APRIL DISTURBANCES, THE POSTER CLAIMS THAT "THE MASSES WERE NECESSARILY OUTSIDE OF THE STRUGGLE (AT THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP LEVEL) AND COULD ONLY STICK THEIR EARS TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PALACE DOOR." BUT THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE RIGHT AND THE SPIRIT WAS CORRECT.

5. AS FOR THE CURRENT POSTER ACTIVITY, IT WAS ALSO "CORRECT" AND MOREOVER COULD NEVER HAVE OCCURRED WHILE THE GANG OF FOUR WERE IN POWER. HOWEVER, A SMALL MINORITY HAD MADE ERRORS -- SCUFFLING TO GET A CLOSER VIEW OF THE POSTERS AND THE ATTEMPT TO PRESENT A PETITION TO THE LEADERSHIP AT CHUNGKING. THESE TRENDS WOULD BE "FIRMLY REVERSED" BY THE CAPITAL WORKERS. PERHAPS POINTEDLY, THE POSTER NOTED IN ANOTHER CONTEXT THAT A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMEN AND MILITIA HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE APRIL 1976 DEMONSTRATIONS.

6. COMMENT: THE IMPRESSION THAT OFFICIAL GUIDANCE ON THE WU TEH CASE HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED IS REINFORCED BY THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT'S AFFIRMATION THAT WU TEH IS STILL "AT HIS POST" (SEPT 76) AND BY THE PEKING UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR'S COMMENTS ON WU TEH REPORTED IN REF B. IF WU HAS IN FACT BEEN CLEARED OF MORE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AND TENG'S CASE HAS BEEN RELEGATED TO THE BACK BURNER, IT WOULD
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SEEM THAT HUA HAS EMERGED TRIUMPHANT -- AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT -- FROM THE RECENT ROUND OF INFIGHTING. WE EXPECT TO KNOW MORE ON JANUARY 15TH (REF C), THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR CHOU AND OF THE LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY TENG.
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